

2017 Act 70 Pilot Advisory Group

Date Adopted: August 10, 2018

Group Sponsor(s): Brownfields Study Group and Air Management Study Group

Group Leader(s): Mark Thimke, Art Harrington and Bart Sponseller

Purpose and Objectives:

To provide input to the Department staff on the implementation of the pilot program created by s. 285.675, Wis. Stats. when 2017 Act 70 was passed. Specifically, the Department expects to seek input on:

- the development of a standardized approach to enable interested parties to easily apply for coverage under this new, innovative pilot;
- the creation of an integrated and streamlined approach to air permitting, Voluntary Party Liability Exemption and Green Tier to encourage participation in the pilot program;
- the exploration of opportunities to attain local incentives e.g., tax increment financing to fund the development of environmental management systems for small businesses;
- the exploration of the concept of a Tier 2 Green Tier charter that would encourage industry to develop on brownfield locations;
- the exploration of the development of a new “Green Tier” Registration Permit that would be available to Green Tier charter members;
- the exploration of ways to reach out effectively and market the program to potential interested parties; and
- the submittal of a report to the Legislature 5 years after implementation.

Group Authority and Boundaries: This Advisory Group’s efforts will be defined by the focus of s. 280.675, Stats. Inasmuch, the group will:

- Make recommendations to the Department as it relates to the development and implementation of this pilot program.

This Advisory Group shall not consider:

- Inclusion of major sources of air contaminants or
- Potential State sources of funding

Group Participants: Those listed below are those who have been identified as participants. If deemed necessary, other external volunteers or department staff may be added in the future.

External Volunteers: Dan Andersen, John Antaramian, Jennifer Buzacky, Tim Hanna, Jeff Jaeckels, Paul Kent, Amy Litscher, Dave Misky, Brian Schimming, Patti Stickney

Department Staff: Christine Haag, Kristin Hart, Kevin Garstka, Michael Prager, Laurel Sukup

External Participant Expectations and Meeting Structure/Operations:

- Participation on the development pilot group is voluntary
- A consistent meeting schedule will be set to accommodate as many participants as possible
- The group will agree upon a time that also considers the Brownfield and Air Management study groups' schedules
- The meetings will be public noticed and interested members of the Brownfield Study Group (BFSG) or Air Management Study Group (AMSG) are welcome to attend.
- Meeting agendas, notes and scheduling will be managed by Department staff per input from participants
- Meetings may be in person or over the phone
- A group member should let the Department know in advance if they cannot attend a meeting
- The DNR staff and external leads will provide a draft agenda at least one week prior the full 2017 Act 70 Advisory Group meetings
- Meeting notes will be drafted by DNR staff and shared with the Advisory Group
- Issue briefs will be used when necessary to preface a complex issue and/or decision item to be considered by the full group
- Group members will review DRAFT meeting notes prior to posting on public website.
- The Advisory Group will revisit the charter annually as well as assess when this Advisory Group's work is complete

Timeline: The first meeting of the group was held on April 5, 2018 and the second meeting was held on May 11, 2018. The group is expected to meet quarterly with the intention of aligning meetings with the Brownfields Study Group and Air Management Study Group.